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A- Anderson, Alexander.
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C- Cairns, Arthur; Chin, Arthur; Collins, Alan.
D- Davies, Donald; Deegan, Brougham.
E- Ey, George.
F- Fryers, Walter
G- Grech, Edward; Gregory, John; Gregory, Robert
H- Hrynew, Steven.
I- Ingram, Grant.
J-
K-
L- Le Grand, Peter
M- Mattson, Gus; Mattson, Kathleen; Maximchuk, M.E. (Max); Miles, John; Murphy, Shawn.
N- Newcombe, Valerie; Noel, Peter
O-
P-
Q-
R- Resnick, Howard; Resnick, Michael.
S- Shaw, Art; Simard, Joseph; Stang, Barry
T- Thomas, Granger
U-
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W- Wiggers, Boris; Wilson, James; Wilson, John; Woodward, Rick.
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Z- Zabarski, Jerzy.

CHQ
TECHNOCRACY
INC.

June 25, 1985

TO: 11353-A
Edmonton, Alta

SUBJECT: A Final Salute!

1. CHQ regrets to learn of the death of Michael Rennick. In appreciation of his efforts in furthering the objectives of the organization, CHQ extends to him a last salute.

   Technocracy marches on.

CHQ
Technocracy Inc.

11353-A
TECHNOCRACY
INC.

17 June 1985

Mrs. M. Rennick,
13229 109 St.,
Edmonton, Alta.
T5E 4Y5

Dear Mrs. Rennick:

This Unit of Technocracy wishes to express, on behalf of its members, our regrets at the loss of your husband, Mike.

As you are well aware Mike was a stalwart and loyal member of this Unit for several years. More than that he was a Technocrat by conviction for years beyond that. And by his quiet, steady and reasonable approach he was able to influence many another person too. We will miss him both personally and as a member very much.

Mike was one of the core group that attended our Tuesday evening sessions regularly. He was also one of the very small group that sustained the Unit financially.

We thought you might like to know that he was appreciated and will be remembered here.

Yours sincerely,
Walt Fryers.
Walt Fryers, Treas.,
for Unit A, R.D. 11353,
Technocracy Inc.

cc CHQ

cc Section Activities Calendar, Vancouver.

Address: 11353 A, Technocracy Inc., #307, 8540 109 St., Edmonton, Alta. T6G 1E6

No statement of policy shall be binding upon the organization [illegible] Continental Headquarters of Technocracy Inc.

RENNICK, Michael

On May 24, 1985, Mr. Michael Rennick of 13229 109 Street passed away at the age of 64 years.

He is survived by his wife, Helen; one son, Howard Stanley; two daughters, Marilyn and Margaret; two granddaughters, Debby and her husband, Don Beamont and Karen and her husband, Andy Topma, all of Edmonton; one brother, James, of Kelowna, B.C.; one sister, Anne Le Blanc of Edmonton. He was predeceased by his mother and father and one brother, Steve.

Cremation will take place at the Foster and McGarvey Crematorium. No funeral service will be held. Friends may meet with the family at the residence on Monday between 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cross Cancer Institute at 11560 University Avenue, Edmonton, T6G 1Z2. Foster and McGarvey Limited. Funeral Directors and Licensed Crematorium. 428-6666.

Topics suggested by Howard Rourke. ?

Technocracy Topics:

1. What is Technocracy?
2. Technocracy - A continental strategy.
3. Technocracy - A new strategy for labor.
4. Technocracy - Gauranteed economic security.
5. Technocracy - The necessary ingredients for survival.
6. Technocracy - A government of function.
7. Technocracy - One step towards a global society.
8. Technocracy prepares for social change.
9. Full employment: how and why.
10. The Technate - The conserver society.
11. Technocracy - An answer to the failure of money. (and politics)
12. The social objectives of Technocracy.
13. Science or chaos - America's choice.
14. Technocracy vs. the Price System dilemma.
15. Technocracy vs. obsolete politics.
16. Technocracy - Science in the social field.
17. Technocracy and energy accounting.
18. Technocracy - Reorganizing a continent.
19. Technocracy vs. the welfare state.

10818-81 Ave,
Edmonton, AB,
T6E 1Y4.

20 April 1986.

To: CHQ

Fm: H. Rennick, Organizer, Unit A, R.D. 11353.

Re: Resignation as Organizer.

1. This notice will advise you of my resignation from the position of Organizer of Unit A, R.D. 11353, Technocracy Inc., Edmonton, AB, effective 20 April 1986.

2. After having completed eight years of service to this organization, I have come to realize that there is insufficient support for a unit or group in this area. My intention is to maintain MAL status, without committment to executive responsibility or in any office of the organization.

3. A letter intended to solicit support for the Unit has been sent to the members in the area, and, if sufficient interest is shown towards restructuring the Unit or forming a Group, I will cooperate fully in the transfer of responsibility.

H. Rennick
H. Rennick.

cc W. R. Fryers, Treasurer.
cc John Gregory, Secretary.

Industrialization

In their columns of January 28 and 29, Roy Farran and Don McGillivray make several points that illustrate a problem which has existed for several decades and which is becoming increasingly intractable as time goes on.

Both writers describe to some extent the problems caused by the introduction of mass-production technology to North American industry.

They seem to agree that jobs involved in the physical production of goods (such as cars and food) are eliminated with the introduction of technology to the industrial process. Both writers also seem to indicate that past, present, and future levels of employment have been and will be maintained by the creation of jobs in the service sectors of the labor market; true to some extent in the past, but questionable at best so far as the present and the future are concerned.

The situation they describe has been under examination for many years (since 1918) by a research and educational organization by the name of Technocracy Incorporated (originally called the Technical Alliance). This organization was not only the first to perceive the importance of this process of industrialization and its impact on North American society, but also the first to construct a rational plan whereby the problems caused by the process could be resolved.

Inflation, unemployment, the ominous proliferation of both nuclear and conventional weaponry, the current "energy crisis"; all came about as a result of the incompatibility of our technology with our present methods of social operation.

These problems and others I have not mentioned cannot realistically be examined alone, like a bacterium under a microscope, but must be studied keeping in mind the fact that they are all outgrowths of the introduction of technology to our industrial system. Any proposed solution to one must also be the solution to the others.

Technocracy Inc. provides the solution in the application of the scientific method to our social problems, and awaits the day when the people of North America have realized the futility of the patch-and-mend methods of our present political and economic leaders.

Units of this non-profit, volunteer-run organization can be found in many of the major cities of North America, including Calgary and Edmonton. Anyone interested in the betterment of the human condition in North America should investigate its proposals.

H. Rennick
Edmonton

EDM NTN JRNL 16 FEB 81

CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE

INTERNATIONAL MONEY ORDER

1497306

9089 University Campus Students' Union Bldg. Edmonton, Alberta

W. R. Fryers — NAME OF REMITTER

TRANSIT NO.

BRANCH

December 7, 1979 — DATE

IN FAVOUR OF ~~Technocracy Inc.~~ U.S. $ 18.00 NOT OVER $500

FOR _____ UNITED STATES DOLLARS

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TO

MANUFACTURERS HANOVER TRUST COMPANY
INTERNATIONAL DIVISION
350 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

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COUNTER RATE	1.1725
EQUIV. CAN. $	21 10
HANDLING CHARGES	50
TOTAL COST	21 60

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IN THE NAME OF _____
SIGNATURE

Sent on behalf of Howard Kennick.

FORM 856-74

North end of
THE HUB
MALL

11353-A
TECHNOCRACY
INC.

Telephone:
432-0344.

7 Dec 79

TO: CHQ

SUBJECT: Re: Annual dues - Howard Rennick

1. Howard Rennick made out a cheque for $25.00 last Tuesday 4th Dec. in payment of his membership dues for 1979 and 1980. He is under the impression that his 1979 dues are still unpaid. If they are paid, probably you could apply the monies to 1980 and 1981 and so advise us. His name was included in the list of members you provided to us about July of this year, which might indicate he was paid up at that time.

2. The Money Order cost $21.60, leaving a balance of $3.40 to be retained here as a donation, as he instructed.

Walt Fryers, Org. 11353.

Address: 11353 A, Technocracy Inc., 9203.S 112th St., Edmonton, Alta. T6G 0M5

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CANADIAN POSTAL MONEY ORDER — MANDAT DE POSTE CANADIEN

SENDER'S COPY — COPIE DE L'ENVOYEUR

PAY TO / PAYEZ À ▶ Tech CHQ. Savannah Ohio.

NOT NEGOTIABLE — NON NÉGOCIABLE

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Serial No. / Nº d'ordre	Day / Jour	Month / Mois	Year / Année	Office No. / Nº du bureau	Fee Code / Code de droit	Currency / Monnaie	Amount / Montant
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SENDER / ENVOYEUR ▶ Howard Rennick

Account No. / Numéro du compte

• FOR YOUR PROTECTION

Enter IMMEDIATELY name of payee and sender on the Money Order. Complete and retain the sender's copy. Enquiries cannot be processed or duplicate issued unless the serial number is provided.

• PROTÉGEZ VOS INTÉRÊTS

Inscrivez IMMÉDIATEMENT les noms du bénéficiaire et de l'envoyeur sur le mandat. Remplissez et conservez la copie de l'envoyeur. On ne pourra répondre aux réclamations ni émettre un duplicata de mandat si le numéro d'ordre n'est pas fourni

TECHNOCRACY
INCORPORATED

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I, HOWARD STANLEY RENNICK. , *a citizen of the national entity of the*
(Type or print name in full with family name last)

North American Continent in which I reside, hereby apply for membership in Technocracy Incorporated as follows herewith.

10818-81 Ave #109 EDMONTON ALBERTA T6E1Y4.
(Street address) (City or town) (State or Province & Postal Zone)

Date of birth SEPT 2, 1953 City and country of birth EDMONTON, CANADA.

Age 24 Sex MALE Height 177.5cm Weight 66 Kg. Eyes (Color) BROWN Hair (Color) BROWN

If naturalized: Date _____ Place _____

Personal religion (Past) NONE (Present) NONE.

Single, Married, Divorced, Widowed SINGLE. Number of children born _____

Wife or Husband: Name (Wife's maiden name) _____

Descent _____ Age _____ Religion _____

Elementary school: Completed ☑ Yes ☐ No Secondary School: Completed ☑ Yes ☐ No

Technical schools, colleges, universities:

Name UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA. Dates SEPT 71-DEC 75 Degrees B.Sc.

Present employer UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA HOSPITAL. Position MEDICAL LAB TECHNOLOGIST

Date of assuming duties JAN 26, 1976 Brief description of duties ANALYSIS OF CLINICAL SPECIMENS FOR NUMBERS AND TYPES OF BACTERIA.

Industry SERVICE. Division MEDICAL.
(Agriculture, steel, etc.) (Production, distribution, etc.)

Profession TECHNOLOGIST Field of specialization MICROBIOLOGY

Recent past employment:

Position	Field of Occupation	Employer's Name	From	To
CASUAL LABOR	COMMUNICATIONS	ALTA GOV'T TELEPHONES	MAY -	SEPT, 1971-75.

Present state of health (good, fair, poor) GOOD.

Other organizations, hobbies, remarks HEALTH SCIENCES ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA.

IMPORTANT: Applicant please read carefully the information found at the lower half of this page under the heading, "For the Applicant". Applicant must not write in the space above that heading.

(Date rec'd at CHQ)

(CHQ, type name in full) (Section stamp)

Transfers:

Date	Reference	To

Application Approval

Application approved by: _____
(In the Field, Governor of New Membership Committee, or Organizer)

Application approved by: _____
(At CHQ, Division of Organization)

FOR THE APPLICANT

Note: Applicants must apply to a Section, Unit or Group if there is one chartered in their locality. All others will apply for membership-at-large.

Membership dues are payable in advance as follows:

Applicants for membership in a Section, Unit or Group may pay their annual dues (a) in full for the year (but only if they join during the month of January), (b) in full for the remaining months of the fiscal year (the fiscal year ends December 31), or (c) in regular monthly installments. See the Bylaws and General Regulations. Payable to unit being joined.

Applicants for membership-at-large may pay their annual dues only as in (a) or (b) above; they may not pay them in monthly installments. Payable to Technocracy Inc., Savannah, Ohio.

Included herewith is payment of dues, according to the requirements above ..... $ 1.50

Also included herewith is the price of the official Monad *button* or *pin* (cross out one) ..... $ _____

Total $

I understand that certification of my membership in the form of a member's identification card, bearing the facsimile signature of the Continental Director of Technocracy Inc., will be issued to me only after approval of my application by the Division of Organization, Continental Headquarters, Technocracy Inc., Savannah, Ohio.

I am not a member or officer of, nor do I subscribe to the principles of, any political organization or party. (I understand that the act of voting is not to be construed as constituting membership in a political party.)

I pledge to adhere loyally to the objectives of Technocracy Inc., and to comply with its Bylaws and General Regulations.

I certify that the information given herein by me is, to the best of my knowledge, correct.

Nov-9, 1977. *Signed:* H. Remick

(Date of Application) *(Applicant)*

Note: The following signature is required if the applicant is a minor.

I hereby attest that the foregoing information is correct, and I give my full permission for the applicant's participation in the activities of Technocracy, Inc.

Signed: _____
(Parent or Guardian)

February 5, 1954

Mrs. Joel
14300 North Ave
Edmonton, Alta. Can.

Dear Mrs. Joel:

You are hereby notified that, in accordance with your request, the certificate [illegible] has been issued to the Communist Party of Canada.

Yours very truly,

Communist Party of Canada

cc: 11303-A

CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE

INTERNATIONAL MONEY ORDER

9259 UNIVERSITY CA... STUDENTS' UNIO... EDMONTON, ALBERTA

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Peter Noel — NAME OF REMITTER | TRANSIT NO. | BRANCH | April 13, 1981 — DATE

IN FAVOUR OF **********Technocracy Inc.********** U.S. $ ****5.00******** NOT OVER $500

FOR UNITED STATES DOLLARS

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CHARGE TO CUSTOMER

COUNTER RATE	1.1925
EQUIV. CAN. $	5 96
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FORM 856-74

CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE

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9069 UNIVERSITY CA... STUDENTS' UNION BUILDING EDMONTON, ALBERTA

Peter Noel — March 28/80

NAME OF REMITTER — TRANSIT NO. — BRANCH — DATE

IN FAVOUR OF ********Technocracy Inc.********** U.S. $ 9.00 NOT OVER $500

FOR _____ UNITED STATES DOLLARS

NOT NEGOTIABLE

CHARGE TO CUSTOMER

COUNTER RATE	1.1945
EQUIV. CAN. $	10.77
HANDLING CHARGES	.75
TOTAL COST ▶	11.52

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350 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

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Statement of account
État de compte

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Sheldon
Savannah, Ohio

date November 21

to / a
Walter Fryers
Technocracy Incorporated
9203 S. 112 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2C5

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JOHN SHELDON, CONTINENTAL HEADQUARTERS, TECHNOCRACY INCORPORATED
SAVANNAH OHIO 44874.....CONFIRMATION COPY MAIL
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PETER NOEL PLANS VISIT YOUR OFFICE 26 OR 27 NOVEMBER
AFTER HE GIVES PAPER AT CLEVELAND CONFERENCE. HE WILL
PHONE YOU IN ADVANCE. WE SUPPLIED HIM WITH DIRECTIONS AND
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OCTOBER. EXPECT HEAVY HUNGARIAN ACCENT.
WALTER FRYERS

MR. WALTER FRYERS, TECHNOCRACY INCORPORATED,
9203 S. 112 STREET, EDMONTON ALTA T6G 2C5

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telegram

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John Sheldon
Continental Headquarters,
Technocracy Inc.
Savannah, Ohio. 44874

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WALT FRYERS, 9203.S 112 ST., EDMONTON, ALTA. 432 0344.

CNCP Tele
422-4141

CHQ
TECHNOCRACY
INC.

TO: Walt Fryers, Org.
R. D. 11353

October 3, 1979

SUBJECT: New Member

1. We were glad to get Peter Noel's MA in the mail today. His Membership Card will be mailed tomorrow.

2. We will be pleased to meet him if he is able to visit CHQ while in Cleveland. If he is coming, please let us know in advance. We can then provide him with the correct route to follow in order to get from there to here.

3. What is his postal code?

John Sheldon
Division of Organization

JS/skb

Peter Noel visited office 7 30 pm 20 Nov to get instructions for visit to CHQ. Gave him a copy of this letter & CHQ's General Mailing of 25 Jun 1974. He will give a paper at Cleveland Conference of Hungarian scientists, then visit CHQ about 26 or 27 Nov.

21 Nov 79 - this letter sent to CHQ advising them of Peter's planned visit

Peter submitted his MA 26 Sep 79 & 3rd class

12835-89 Street
Edmonton, Alta. T5E 3J8
November 19, 1986

Salute, Technocrats!

Well, I didn't make it to the "wind-up" in the Fur Room (?!) of the Strathcona Branch of the Legion last Friday, & I guess Ross Deacon didn't either.

Only today did I notice Mary Deacon's name in the obituary column of Monday's Journal (I) wrote him a short note of condolence.

Yesterday I received in the mail the October & November Election Activities Calendar from Vancouver & printed & wrote a note to Ally Hi Green to explain why I'm no longer on their mailing list. I do thank you for keeping me on it for so long, but — everything has to come to an end (particularly the Prince Adolphus).

What happened on Friday was what is more or less par for the course, in our present life — Eddy got home for dinner far too late to take me over there & had I planned on taking the bus, as early as it would have had to be, dinner would have been totally a loss cause, as it had been on Monday and Wednesday of that week; in fact, more often than not, these days.

Now that he's working for Western Dispatch it's even worse than when he was in real estate, as far as working long hours for nothing is concerned. Northern Canada Power Commission hasn't come up with anything further for him but now there is another carrot dangling in front of his nose, another short-term contract as a consultant, & he won't hesitate

to grab it, assuming Renton Engineering is bid is successful. As my sisters and I used to say during the war years "--- but, there's no future in it." Anyway, it's #1 we're interested in, at this stage of the game. We seem to be stuck with the house over the winter, at least, as no-one has been interested in buying it in six months of sighing.

In view of at least what you're not being present on Friday I'm wondering if there's been any cohesion at all to the group. It really a shame if all those years of dedication on the part of some of you are simply dissipated to posterity. However, they do seem to be wealthily active on there at the Coast & they seem to find the younger generation showing interest, so maybe there's still hope. Not in your time and mine, but some time.

Sorry I sound so lethargic - apathetic - depressed; it's just that time goes so fast & everything seems to move so slowly, and I've had an unpleasant cough since Sept. 28th. I wouldn't mind if it was something that would finish me off. Quote: "This too will pass."

Hoping things are going well in your family, Walt.

Hal Newcombe

P.S. Thanks for the list of remaining Technocrats. I don't remember ever meeting Ed Grech but I can recall all the others.

12835-89 Street
Edmonton, Alta. T5E 3J8
October 8, 1986

Dear Walt,

Your recent communiques were received on September 29th and October 1st respectively.

You have indeed had a busy year & I trust that Edith's health stood up well; at any rate she must not have suffered boredom. I wonder what your son John is doing in Toronto — still with the H.B.C.? And I hope things have improved for Kay's family.

I didn't know you had a cottage at Ingoldsby as well as at Buffalo Narrows — or have you given up the latter?

Japan from August 9th to September 3rd visiting with my sisters at Powell River, B.C. & I must say I felt like Cinderella at the ball, "midnight" came all too soon & I had to return to my "ashes" in Edmonton. Incidentally, the closest I got to Expo 86 was walking over the Georgia Viaduct & the Vancouver Art Gallery and back to the VIA rail station; I recognized things from the pictures my daughter Leslie & her boyfriend had taken, as well as from the proliferation of promotional material there has been.

Eddy was called back to work as a consultant with a C.D.K.C. crew at one of Northern Canada Power Commission's power plants on the Snare River, a hundred miles north of Yellowknife, which job lasted from June 25th to September 4th. As a result of this he is once more considered eligible for hiring, but so far he has

missed out on Pond Inlet & a couple of other similar systems to points, however, Mayo, Y.T., is now up for grabs, a one-man power plant, & I would dearly love to add it to our list. It does seem ridiculous to me, though, that if they value his expertise, knowledge and ~~experience~~ perspective & all they would consider sending him to Ha Ha for a job for two years he'll be 60 on Boring Day. I was appalled to learn that the man who now holds the job he had in Yellowknife, formerly one of the top brass in the Commission, knows actually nothing about the operation of hydro plants; if he did, Eddy wouldn't have been called for that job this summer, as that sort of thing was included when he was the superintendent. This man is more of a P.R. type—a political animal.

Anyway, Eddy will snap at whatever he can get, for the sake of enhancing his pension besides once more having a steady income. This has been our worst year. So far we've been unsuccessful in selling our house. Interested clients recognize that there needs to be just too much done to it. I just wish Eddy had recognized that when he invested in it, as it has put us in an unbelievable debt. This is an ongoing soggy saga, so that's enough about it.

It was incredible that anyone in Mr. Hillier's position could have written such a vindictive letter to you and I commend the way in which you wrote back. Yes for other members of Technocracy having their minds subverted into "the negative scarcity-minded position ... of CHQ", well, I would not be surprised. I don't want to appear as a fence-sitter. As

you are aware, I have been taken up for the past several decades (I must be tired — I can't write coherently) — decades by ecological-environmental-conservational views, although always with Technocracy in view. My greatest fear has been that the despoliation of the water, the air, the land, and life itself would be carried past the point of no return. If the brakes are activated before that, what then? (Every now and again I read that recoveries are being effected in certain areas. However, my worry now is how far back into feudalism this right-wing trend is going to take us, with economic controls being concentrated in fewer & fewer hands who then have the power to patch & juggle as they see fit. Am I being totally irrational, or, will there come the right moment for Technocracy to happen? With scarcities, real or apparent, what other alternative is there just to go down the drain? There are more or less rhetorical questions, not that I expect you to come up with clear-cut answers, despite your insightful thinking that you have demonstrated in various writings you've done.

I'm at the point in your letter where you had to cope with a minor flood due to a burst tank. I'm at the point here, today, where our garage was broken into (last night) and various items belonging to our tenants next door were stolen. They have a janitorial business and, they being a basement suite under their side of the duplex, they have no place to keep their equipment but in the garage, also their freezer, from which most of the contents were stolen. I have a husband who will not lock his garage door, although this time it was the small side door, which is usually locked, that was forced open; & the policemen etc. had

to be taken on one of the big doors because Eddy's car was effectively blocking the small door. Eddy is a man who cannot be wrong, the people next door are not breaking even, they have two sick children & now a third expected, and they simply cannot afford such a loss. And I am caught right in the middle, expecting to be questioned by the police this evening. I have never understood why Eddy considered it would be too much bother to lock the garage door last thing at night and unlock it in the morning, as a matter of principle, but just my expressing that would be enough to firm his resolve not to lock it! I feel culpable somehow. He is attending a seminar this evening.

I'll have to read William Ophuls "The Scarcity Society" over again, as I've pretty well forgotten what he wrote. If, indeed, scarcity is "a more normal condition" then surely man as a species is an ecological mistake. In fact, I'm not at all sure that that isn't the case. I agree with your statement, "... — man must be mindful of Nature, or suffer the consequences", rather wish I had seen any follow-up letters to Harper's magazine that were engendered by the article of April 1974.

Best regards,

Val Newcombe

P.S. From here there's nowhere to go but up — I hope!

Mrs. E.W. Newcombe
12835-89 Street
Edmonton, Alta. T5E 3J8

Mr. W.R. Sayers
11515-39 Avenue
Edmonton, Alta.
T6J 0M5

11515 39 Ave.,
Edmonton, Alta.
T6J 0M5

28 Sep 86

Mrs. E. W. Newcombe,
12835 - 89 St.,
Edmonton, Alta. T5E 3J8

Dear Val:

I'm on a 'kick' of trying to catch up on long neglected chores such as unanswered letters, such as yours of April 22nd. We have been busy with a long string of diversions and excursions that have taken up our time for the last five months or so. In May it was the Spring Session for Seniors at the University. In June it was a trip to Toronto to visit our son and daughter-in-law there. In July and August it was down to the Lake of the Woods country to have a holiday and work on our cottage at Ingolf (Long Pine Lake). In Sept. it was a trip to Expo 86. Not to mention other diversions such as yard work, blasting CHQ with my criticisms, etc. etc. (By now you will have received my last exchange with CHQ. I wonder if they will tolerate me as a member?)

The membership meeting that I had planned in the Spring did not materialize. Perhaps I can get to it this Fall. I want to hand over to anyone who will carry the ball for the organization. No such person has yet come forward. I am determined to protect and cherish my new freedom, come what may.

You and Ed seem to be continually beset by economic 'storms'. This does seem to be an era of 'uncertainty' as Galbraith stated. It is all but impossible to decide on a right course to be a winner. I hope you can eventually get some breaks and land on top. Its your turn!

Regarding my criticisms of the 'revisions' to Technocracy, you wonder if I have had responses from others of the same mind. I have indeed circulated a couple of dozen copies of my outputs to various members and the Editors of the magazines , and others. Arvid Petersen of Seattle wrote with qualified support. He is very critical of CHQ. But he is preoccupied with the Peace movement, and no longer a member. Bonnie Gebhardt of Calgary is a severe critic of CHQ, But has not espoused my particular thesis. Same with Jim Davidson of Winnipeg. All in all I would say that most members of Technocracy were subverted into the negative scarcity-minded position taken up by CHQ, and have not yet seen fit to revise their stand. Many would follow CHQs lead no matter where it led. Too bad. The era of gluts and surpluses of the 1980s are still considered as transient conditions by the majority of people. It takes time. A decade?

(Time out just here to mop up part of the basement because our hot water tank apparently just burst. I've turned off the water supply to it, and turned down the heat, so we will take action for a plumber tomorrow morning, all going well.) (Its always something with a house.) (Its Sunday evening, of course. Better than Saturday evening, tho'.)

You sent along, for my comments, an article reprint by William Ophuls titled "The Scarcity Society". He is a lecturer in Political Science at Yale (or was). As a professional gloom and doom-sayer he takes the cake. By now, perhaps, he will be wishing he had never written the piece. It is so full of gross errors and unsound reasoning it is difficult to do justice to a critique of it.

He leads with the advent of OPEC and the rise in the price of oil. OPEC is even now helpless to hold the world to ransome and a case could be made that it will never again recover its clout. He mentions other cartels in prospect: compper, tin, bauxite, etc. The Hunt brothers thought they could add silver to the list. The scarcity in respect to such resources now is a scarcity of markets - anyone knew who can pay for it. America can. Much of the world cant. Much of the former market that led to apparent scarcities was financed by the 'have' nations, and banks, especially the US. But Canada is also in trouble for that spree of reckless crdit expansion abroad. It is still unresolved.

Ophuls writes off the last three centuries as 'abnormal' and predicts a return to "the more normal condition of scarcity". So easily does he write off the advances and potential of science and technology! How ignorant can you get?

He is of course a good writer - handy with words - and in true professional manner, is able to develop his scarcity thesis with apt verbiage. He might have been more successful as a fundamentalist preacher, quoting the Bible to prove the Bible. For instance, he quotes Lao-tzu: "Nature sustains itself through three precious principles, which one does well to embrace and follow. These are gentleness, frugality, and humility." Wrong on all counts. Nature should not be given an anthropomophic image. The processes of nature can be ferocious, and wasteful, and relentless. Nature is not mindful of Man. But Man must be mindful of Nature, or suffer the consequences.

Well, Val, I cannot take time to expand this critique. It would not be justified in any case. The man is a 'polemicist' and no doubt has an emotional audience to listen to him. We can leave it to history to render the final verdict, eh?

Regards,

Walt Fryers.

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Aprill 22, 1986

Dear Walt,

Thank you for sending me your recent communiques, of which I will answer first the one dated April 7th, received by me on April 14th.

Re. #7: If a membership meeting were to be called shortly I would indeed like to attend and to contribute and participate in the re-organization and operation of the Unit/Group of Technocracy Inc. However, in our present economic circumstances, I am not even in a position to remit my outstanding dues, and, in the constant struggle just for basic survival, I feel hamstrung as far as doing anything is concerned. I know it is difficult for anyone to understand, who hasn't "been there".

We are running a race that we are not likely to win, being finally qualified for the $3,000 grant from the Alberta government and also, with the re-structuring of the R.R.A.P., another $5,000, which should put this property in good shape to sell. All we are waiting for now are the notices of approval so we can get the necessary work done and put the house on the market. The catch is that foreclosure is imminent. We must sell the duplex, as it is our only hope of being able to repay monies we borrowed in the past year from relatives and friends. There was an unseasonal flurry of activity in real estate for Eddy in December, but little came of it but a sale then and another in January. The present market is far from encouraging.

Hindsight tells me we should have sold the duplex on an "as is" basis last year, to get what we could out of it, rather than borrowing, but Eddy's optimism was still running high then and there was the prospect of getting out from under this burden; in fact, we thought we were going to be able to do that last year, but, believe it or not, we were still too rich then, based on our 1984 income, and could qualify for a grant of only $1,000, which was not enough to make the house marketable.

Which brings me to your #8: I regret that we are not in a stable situation in which we might have 10' X 10' of basement floor space for storage of Technocracy material. As it is, we have a basement full of "treasures" unsuitable for a garage sale and which we probably can't take with us, wherever we go, plus a second layer of our daughter Leslie's belongings for which there is no room in the apartment she is sharing with her boyfriend. Also, Eddy wants us to sell some of our furniture, but, as I see it, we would get peanuts for it and then pay about as much for

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lesser stuff to replace it. Without a dining room suite how could we have our family dinners? There is only a card table in the kitchen. Without a second bedroom suite where would I store the extra bedding and all the things that are in the drawers? I know--junk it all.

Now to your March 23rd notice of resignation as Treasurer, I realize that this has been pending for some time, although I am aware that you had hoped for a different outcome of events.

Your differences with CHQ, as outlined in your personal position paper, "Has 'Technocracy' Been Revised?" are not, of course, things you could continue to ignore. Surely there are others of the same mind--have you had responses from any of them? I would infer that you presented your position also to members in Alberta and the group in Vancouver.

Eddy read your paper and was in complete agreement with you that "if a condition of abundance cannot be achieved, then Technocracy, as a modus operandi, is irrelevant."

As you know, for years I subscribed to the British "Ecologist" and to "Alternatives", from Trent University at Peterborough, Ont. and have kept a nervous eye on what has been happening to the environment and, by extension, to the sources of our abundance. I have a similar--only more so--pessimistic feeling to what I had when World War II began--there goes Technocracy.

I hope you are correct in your assessment that "the original concept will survive intact in the long run" and that "like other scientific constructs it will be self-correcting because it is an expression of the physical conditions that determine its design; America's potential for 'abundance' is one of these." I only hope we have not passed the point of no return.

I chanced upon the enclosed article, "The Scarcity Society", by William Ophuls, and invite your comments on it--assuming you consider it worthy of comment.

Sincerely,

Val

Mrs. Edwin W. Newcome (a "b" in there, please)

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March 20, 1986

Salute, Technocrats!

Thank you for considering me still one of you. My card and Walt's note were received on February 18th & today I have received further communique's (how do you spell that?) on the Debt Structure from Walt. Nearly didn't receive them. A young man came to the door and asked if I was "Miss Abbie Newcombe" & handed me the envelope, saying, "I seen it laying on the ground over there." I thanked him & made a mental note to tell the postman about it - if I ever catch him. I am further delinquent in acknowledging receipt & other submissions - copies of material addressed to CHQ - received on February 15th.

I do appreciate your work on this, Walt as I am continuing to read religiously - or should I say profanely - everything I see about the Banks' hanky panky. Which reminds me - on Studs Terkel's Almanac one night an CKUA he was interviewing a young author named Lanigan on his current book "Funky Money", which is timely, to say the least. I phoned James Adams of the Journal & asked if he had reviewed it or was likely to & the best he could tell me was that it may be coming up.

Eddy reads your commentaries on & the enclosed news items & he reflected that he's beginning to feel like a "closet Technocrat."

We haven't quite gone down the drain yet but we are still clutching a few straws in the hope of averting it. A tremendous ~~weat~~ weight was lifted from my mind this afternoon when I finally located some receipts necessary for income tax deductions! — They were under the bottom drawer of the desk on which I use my portable sewing machine. We need to get our returns filed as soon as possible to (1) get a refund, (2) be able to re-apply for the Guaranteed Income Supplement, and (3) be in a position to apply for a Z grant to be able to make sufficient improvements on this property to be able to sell it before the mortgagors repossess it & leave us up the creek without a paddle.

Otherwise life isn't too bad & we find it fun to be grandparents. We are in as good health as can be expected at our ages, having thus far survived the slings & arrows of outrageous fortune. Our rich relatives (specifically my sister Dee & her husband Bill Blaxell) have even been down to New Zealand to see Halley's Comet, those on Eddy's side of the family now being in the habit of globe-trotting.

Hope Edith has been able to keep going, & to the extent that she had been, at least, no doubt you retain the Buffalo Narrows image now and again, as well as occasional forays to more distant destinations.

With thanks again & kind regards to all,

Hal Newcombe

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October 9, 1985

Dear Walt & any other Technocrats,

Thank you for your notification of Sept. 21 that Technocracy Inc. was smoked out of its headquarters in the Noble Building. I have the feeling of having been pre-empted, even though I never graced "the premises with my presence. It's rather like ending with a whimper, isn't it?

I never acknowledged your previous note advising of the loss of Mike Rennick. That was a shock to me, as I had thought of him as a trim & fit man, younger than he was. Our numbers age dwindling and we'll probably never know if the Technocracy design becomes a reality. Certainly the price system is collapsing, as predicted, but not as quickly.

Being a senior citizen has done much for my morale — I feel stuffed into a pigeonhole. However I have done some interesting reading this year, including "Fate of the Earth", by Jonathan Schell, "Looking Backward" by Edward Bellamy, "Democracy in America" by Alexis de Tocqueville, & "Megatrends" by John Naisbitt, all very relevant, it seemed to me.

I trust you and Edith are keeping up your strength & courage and I hope your family are all well.

Sincerely,
Val Newcombe

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April 16, 1985

Dear Wz!

Have just finished re-reading your May letter and yes - the comparison between 1929 and 1981 crises and the Dow Jones Daily Index 1980 and would love to see them published somewhere — have you tried submitting them?

Thank you for doing such fine jobs compiling the facts and figures and also for including me on your mailing list. I subscribe also still receive the Section Bulletin Calendar, which I still enjoy, and just received yesterday. It's always interesting reading & me despite my delinquencies as a subscriber!!

Like the economics and other financial problems seem to degree I had been in the habit of giving no more than a cursory glance to news of the economy. The expected - predicted and actual - of the economy. Being cynical I suspect that some kind of juggling or fudging is going on, although I agree with all you said about it. I tend to watch for technocratic tendencies that can then - maybe - show up, like gold nuggets. However, I have not had full read all the back-up volumes (journals) dating from March 11th & note the comments the Fitzsimmons be blamed on bad Alberta real estate loans.

It certainly flattened us and we are now looking forward to my 65th birthday on the 19th July, when

you can believe it. That's a pleasure, now more. We are hard hanging on this shoestring, having sacrificed everything else over these 5½ years, & this country and $3,000 grant politics & Pip each shape that we can sell it and get away from under the burden. As you see it, nobody is buying, and who'd want this old dump? Then there's so much available that's more attractive?

Last year my office "career" was fragmented for four months after we got with the de la Torre Island April 30th, so my income/payment/insurance is abnormal & am end. Would you believe, that I can actually send you a cheque for $432.00? Sometimes I think he's losing his marbles, as well, and the future is indeed frightening.

However, I am looking forward to getting married again, once I get my greedy hands on the Wonder Eclipse & usual financial ups and downs even out & the fish industry price once in a while - assuming I shit that's fucked then. I've been hauling oil-shirts, and filling up grimy sheets, and I'm tired of being a gambler.

Let's get back on track, do you think a bail-out by Canada by the U.S., or a takeover by the U.S. by Canada, as the case may be, will bring us any faster to our ultimate goal? I think the U.S. simply wants to get control of Canada, not only as a strategic action against the U.S.S.R. but to get our resources. I do not particularly regard the U.S.S.R. as an enemy just because the U.S. says it that way, and I did what I was told & the U.S. became friendly upon

its Pious. re-righteous attitude about intervention in
central America is even more deplorable than the crimes
perpetrated by the U.S.N.F. in Poland & Rhineland, & other
leaders. I would much prefer Canada to stand on her own feet
and remain neutral. What a hope.

Yours ever
Ted Nicholson

P.S. When I understand or circle back to new visions
it's for me to comprehend, not to impose else

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January 21, 1985

Salute, Technocrats!

Thank you for sending me the bulletin dated Jan. 16 1984 (?) and also the interesting (!) pamphlet "How Dangerous are Executive Orders?" I had been wondering about the Bilateral Commission, as I had read or heard nothing of it for some time (I am out of circulation). Like, I have been feeling manipulated for quite some time —.

To bring you up-to-date on my social hibernation, I gave up on temporary employment assignments at the end of last summer, feeling burned out, and began accepting Unemployment Insurance benefits full-time.

Our hopes were raised in the fall when Northern Canada Power Commission advertised for Plant Superintendents at Fort Smith and Inuvik. Two men much younger than Eddy were selected; at 58 he is older than the age at which N.C.P.C. now retires employees, if they have put in the requisite number of years.

If you follow real estate you may know that Block Brothers folded at the end of the year and more or less resurfaced as the National Real Estate Service (N.R.E.S.) Eddy signed on with their new office on 107 Ave. & 109 St., which has had a very shaky beginning, and he has been shaky himself this past week with a cold that has confined him to home.

Our this past week-end I have been somewhat shaken

out of my lethargy by a chain of events that have me back into the job-hunting rat-race — Hah! I don't really want to go back to work, as close as I am to 65 — Howard Eddy to go back to work — work that pays, that is. He has certainly been working. It so happens that N. E. P. C. is now advertising for a Plant Superintendent for Gillpatrick Pipe and, although he was insulted by not one but two identical letters of rejection, he intends to apply again. The catch with Gillpatrick is that N. E. P. C. is no longer providing housing for the superintendent (at least), which was why the fone then had opted to go to Fort Smith. We assumed suicides would be clawing each other for that job. At the time Eddy had it nobody under him wanted it, as they all knew that they made more money than he did, with over-time, and they also knew that he worked more overtime than any of them did.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, we are living ever closer to the bone & have little left to cash in — assets to liquidate if that's what that means. Nevertheless, I am really looking forward to Old Age Security & its attendant "perks", as I just don't go anywhere any more, & C.P.P.'s demand for $1.00 a ride. By then you may even see my smiling (?) face again. I'm not getting much exercise these days, either, with all the ice that's around. I had another nasty accident last January & have had neck & shoulder problems ever since.

Since goofing off from earning an honest living I have been doing a lot of reading, not being a fanatical housekeeper. The Section Activities Calendar that arrived last week had some quotes from books by Will Durant, so I dug in to the boxes in the basement and found my dad Father's 1927 volume of "The Story of Philosophy" & can hardly put it down.

Then on Saturday my son came over with a couple of tall, narrow bookshelf units, as they have moved into a house with built-in shelves in a basement rec room, so now all our books in the basement have been promoted to a place of honour — in the kitchen. Now our meals will also suffer. I could have used for the past few my life and not get through all the books we have that are worth reading. Eddy asked me where his "Theory of the Leisure Class" by Thorstein Veblen is, and I told him I said I considered it was mine. He told me it was given to him by the late Jimmy Watson, a former Calgary mayor, with whom he was active in the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. But he had never read the book.

I'll spare you a third page of my scribbling. I like to be on hand if circumstances become such that technocrats are galvanized back into action — or if we get that Reit to the north, maybe things will start happening then, that I can get in on.

Regards to all, Val Newcombe

P.S. I do appreciate your keeping me in touch.

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March 13, 1984

Salute, Technocrats!

Thank you for keeping me on as an honorary member and thank you for the one card, which I will keep, ~~and~~ I am returning the one intended for Taras W. Rachuk. It's a funny thing, since he was one of the first people I became aware of in Edmonton when Eddy and I were new here and went to hear him talk about solar energy.

It looks as though I really am going, as Eddy says the business is picking up. It is an irony that the Northern Canada Power Commission, who discarded him and 99 other people, back in 1977, have now decided to move their head office to Yellowknife, and <u>that</u> will bring business to the firm Eddy is working for, as a quantity of housing will certainly be required.

I hope to get a job there, of course, but my typing really needs more practice. What I am working on these days are inventories of files. It would help to know a lot more about what's going on than I do—especially with labour relations.

I could go on and on like this, as my present life is too narrow for me to have much to say about anything, but I do think of you all and will continue to miss my association with you when I'm back in the northern environment.

Kindest regards from

Val Newcombe

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It behooves all of us to look for an alternative system of operating this "high-technology, high-energy society" we wish to continue, as our present "price system" is foundering on all counts. In Edmonton, Technocracy Inc. has its headquarters in the Hub Mall on the U of A campus. Those who are interested in the possibility of a future different from what we seem to be facing may wish to attend its open meetings.

V. A. Newcombe
Edmonton

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Roy Farran

When oil producers fight, shots echo around the world

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he only thing you can be sure of in the Iraqi-Iranian is that a lot of ammunition will be wasted.

hen two semi-skilled armies from two non-strialized nations meet in a conflict with modern pons, if the first blows are indecisive, both parties run out of steam.

hat is because modern war is more a battle of supply of military resolution. And all soldiers tend to shoot at clouds than at targets. As in the first bloody hct between India and Pakistan, two exhausted es can be left facing each other, both short of y.

ere are provisos.

e momentum can continue if either side receives tions from an ally and that fact alone underlines important it is that the Americans and the Soviets ld remain neutral.

t both must be sorely tempted to intervene. The Western world depends on oil from the Persian and the tanker lanes must be kept open. Russia has ontracts for natural gas from Iran and, by swap gements, supplies gas to large parts of Europe. Thus nterests of both superpowers are interlocked with onomies of many other countries in the world.

hen the bombs and the shells have gone, the two s may continue the conflict at a lesser pace with arms. But the destruction to property will have enormous.

me and money will be needed to repair the damage to the oilfields in both countries. Abadan, ramshahr and Basra are of vital importance to an hungry world.

ever the outcome, the die has been cast. For a time we are going to have to do without them.

re will be little immediate effect on the consuming ns. They have been building up oil inventories t such an emergency for at least a year. But their nnot be postponed for long.

tably, Canada will be affected. Even though most imported oil comes from elsewhere, any big decline in the total world supply will impinge on everyone. Every contract contains a force majeure clause for sharing in a crisis.

So the feds had better start readying the ration books. Alberta's production is declining and none of the mega-projects can be put in place in time to avoid the pinch.

And it is no good crying over spilt milk. Sure, politicians are responsible for the delays and for failing to appreciate the urgency a long time ago. We are farther away from self-sufficiency today than we have ever been and it will take at least seven years to change it, if ever.

Certainly, the Saudis will be encouraged to pump oil like hell to fill the gap. And they'll try if the war does not spread. But it cannot be enough.

There are lessons to be learned, but if histor[illegible]s any guide, they won't be.

The first is that any leader who closes his ey[illegible]to the possibility that the worst can happen is totally irresponsible. For example, when Canada refuses to believe in the possibility of nuclear war and fails to take elementary precautions such as civil defence and air-raid shelters, it is as stupid as the proverbial ostrich. And when it is so transfixed by its own fiscal incompetence that it is more concerned with revenue than with production of energy, it demonstrates that it would be incapable of running a troop of boy scouts, let alone a country.

We have no stockpile of oil. Or food. We have no ships to guard our coastlines, no army big enough to put down a minor revolt, no planes to defend our skies.

We have a horde of paper-pushers who spend their days on artful plans to force their master's will on the member parts of the nation. They are the geniuse[illegible]of the contrived economy, the makers of the law to cut[illegible]your nose to spite your face. Together with the prot[illegible]ors at the barricades, future generations will label them "the guilty men."

But it won't be much consolation to be able to say: "I told you so." So far as oil supply is concerned, it is already too late.

Meanwhile, the Middle East experts can regale the academics with lectures on the difference between a Sunni Moslem and a Shiite, between a people barbarous enough to execute citizens without trial on the streets of Tehran and a people who dragged the mutilated body of their prime minister, Nuri Said Pasha, through the streets of Baghdad.

It would be comforting to be able to say: "a pox on both your houses." Unfortunately, their antics involve us too.

Apr. 22/81

To Whom it May Concern:

Not having been here for a couple of weeks I've had some catching up to do on reading. Wall's letter to Ideas Speed was "right on" — I hope there will be a response from him, preferably in the Journal for all to see.

John Lamb's latest dispatch was of interest to me, as always, & then, too, I wonder if the letters he writes to people generate any worthwhile feedback. I notice that he is inclined to push the "Ecology of Man" & "Reorganizing Continent". I must re-read those — and the others — to assess which seem to be most pertinent at this time.

David Peterson's letter had a la Vinci, too. Remember, we were talking about writing to Mrs. Barrett to enquire about the outcome of their videotaping, but, the answer seems to be in David's letter.

And he's inspired to initiate the Study Course, something we've agreed should be done. Will need all the help to come up. Compliments of Let's try to make it a Twin video-tape, anyway — Hershelers.

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Transfer of Member - Valerie A. Newcombe

1. We enclose Form TA completed by the above member and the Vancouver Section as a preliminary step in attaching this member to this embryonic unit.

2. Mrs. Newcombe moved from Yellowknife, N.W.T. to Edmonton late this past summer. She saw notice of the Petersen lecture in the newspaper and attended the lecture. At that time she indicated she would be interested in associating with this group and giving us a hand. She is now pledging $10.00 a month toward our operating expenses.

3. Valerie Newcombe (formerly Wride) was a Farad in Winnipeg back in 1938-40 and remembers me (and John Sheldon) from those days. Her loyalty to the organization is notable.

4. We still plan to form an official Group whenever it appears that it is a practical step and can sustain solid function. We will submit a group transfer at that time.

Salute!

Walt Fryers,
Organizer, 11353.

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He concluded with "One of the foremost problems facing humanity today is how to make the cultural adjustments appropriate for a stable high-technology and high-energy, but essentially non-growing, society of the future. If we succeed, we could achieve a state of well-being which could provide an environment for the flowering of a great civilization. Should we fail, the consequences are not pleasant to contemplate."

Dr. Hubbert was talking like a technocrat, and well he might. He was among the founders of Technocracy Inc. in 1933, an organization which was based on the research into the resources of the North American continent in 1918-19 at Columbia University.

It behooves all of us to look for an alternative system of operating this "high-technology, high-energy society" we wish to continue, as our present "price system" is foundering on all counts. In Edmonton, Technocracy Inc. has its headquarters in the Hub Mall on the U of A campus. Those who are interested in the possibility of a future different from what we seem to be facing may wish to attend its open meetings.

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When oil producers fight, shots echo around the world

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The only thing you can be sure of in the Iraqi-Iranian war is that a lot of ammunition will be wasted.

When two semi-skilled armies from two non-industrialized nations meet in a conflict with modern weapons, if the first blows are indecisive, both parties soon run out of steam.

That is because modern war is more a battle of supply than of military resolution. And all soldiers tend to shoot more at clouds than at targets. As in the first bloody conflict between India and Pakistan, two exhausted armies can be left facing each other, both short of victory.

There are provisos.

The momentum can continue if either side receives munitions from an ally and that fact alone underlines how important it is that the Americans and the Soviets should remain neutral.

Yet both must be sorely tempted to intervene. The entire Western world depends on oil from the Persian Gulf and the tanker lanes must be kept open. Russia has big contracts for natural gas from Iran and, by swap arrangements, supplies gas to large parts of Europe. Thus the interests of both superpowers are interlocked with the economies of many other countries in the world.

When the bombs and the shells have gone, the two armies may continue the conflict at a lesser pace with small arms. But the destruction to property will have been enormous.

Time and money will be needed to repair the damage done to the oilfields in both countries. Abadan, Khorramshahr and Basra are of vital importance to an energy-hungry world.

Whatever the outcome, the die has been cast. For a long time we are going to have to do without them.

There will be little immediate effect on the consuming nations. They have been building up oil inventories against such an emergency for at least a year. But their fate cannot be postponed for long.

Inevitably, Canada will be affected. Even though most of our imported oil comes from elsewhere, any big decline in the total world supply will impinge on everyone. Every contract contains a force majeure clause for sharing in a crisis.

So the feds had better start readying the ration books. Alberta's production is declining and none of the mega-projects can be put in place in time to avoid the pinch.

And it is no good crying over spilt milk. Sure, politicians are responsible for the delays and for failing to appreciate the urgency a long time ago. We are farther away from self-sufficiency today than we have ever been and it will take at least seven years to change it, if eve

Certainly, the Saudis will be encouraged to pum like hell to fill the gap. And they'll try if the war doe spread. But it cannot be enough.

There are lessons to be learned, but if history is guide, they won't be.

The first is that any leader who closes his eyes t possibility that the worst can happen is to irresponsible. For example, when Canada refuse believe in the possibility of nuclear war and fails to elementary precautions such as civil defence and air shelters, it is as stupid as the proverbial ostrich. when it is so transfixed by its own fiscal incompet that it is more concerned with revenue than production of energy, it demonstrates that it woul incapable of running a troop of boy scouts, let al country.

We have no stockpile of oil. Or food. We have no to guard our coastlines, no army big enough to put a minor revolt, no planes to defend our skies.

We have a horde of paper-pushers who spend days on artful plans to force their master's will o member parts of the nation. They are the geniuses o contrived economy, the makers of the law to cut off nose to spite your face. Together with the protesto the barricades, future generations will label them guilty men."

But it won't be much consolation to be able to sa told you so." So far as oil supply is concerned, already too late.

Meanwhile, the Middle East experts can regale academics with lectures on the difference betwe Sunni Moslem and a Shiite, between a people barba enough to execute citizens without trial on the stree Tehran and a people who dragged the mutilated bo their prime minister, Nuri Said Pasha, through the st of Baghdad.

It would be comforting to be able to say: "a po both your houses." Unfortunately, their antics invol too.

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Piece of cake

It was an irony, but hardly a coincidence, that President Reagan's birthday cake, shown in *The Journal* of February 7, incorporated the design of the Doublet III, an experimental fusion reactor in San Diego, California, as depicted on the cover of the April-June, 1980, issue of *Northwest Technocrat*.

It seems unlikely that Ronnie has been programmed by big business and industry — not to mention the Pentagon —to read such anti-nuclear "propaganda" as the comments of Dr. Howard Hiatt, Harvard University's dean of public health, at the Independent Commission on Disarmament and Security, in Vienna, Austria (*The Journal*, February 9). Dr. Hiatt's conclusion was quoted as, "Casualties from even a small nuclear bomb could not be dealt with by the most sophisticated medical facilities in the most advanced country."

It can be kept in mind that President Reagan was recruited from the land of tinsel, where things are not what they seem, and from an era when America the Beautiful could do no wrong and everyone lived happily ever after.

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